

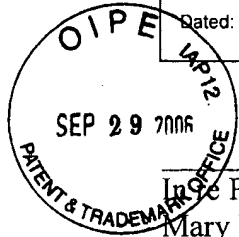
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For: 12SP5C8: A TISSUE SPECIFIC PROTEIN  
HIGHLY EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS  
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### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 4, 2006, for which a response is due on November 4, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.